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## WOMEN'S COMMISSION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2005-06



The Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission (LLWC) announces the following volunteers recently elected as officers to the Advisory Board, pictured from left to right:

Vice President **Danja Pegram Siders** owns and operates, AgInvest, LLC, a property and farm management business. She is a farm and real estate manager. She has worked with many community groups such as United Way, Red Cross, and Pheasants Forever. She graduated of Leadership Lincoln and Winning Women Series, and currently serves as Secretary for the Wyuka Historical Foundation and is a member of Downtown Rotary Club #14.

President **Tami Soper**, former director of the Clyde Malone Community Center, is Legislative Aide for Senator Gwen Howard. She is an active community member and has served on numerous non-profit and city advisory boards, including Lighthouse, Clyde Malone Community Center, Health Partners Initiative, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department Quality Improvement Council, and the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**Connie Schmidt**, member-at-large, is employed as the financial management director for the National Student Loan Program. She has been actively involved in the community, serving on such volunteer boards as the Parent Teacher Student Association, Nebraska Teacher of the Year review committee and the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

**Elizabeth "Beth" Rodacker**, member-at-large, is employed at Union College as an associate English professor. She is a board member of PALS, a local nonprofit animal organization; serves on the board of directors for the Lincoln Chapter of the National Organization for Women, and is a co-leader for the Neighborhood Watch program.

All appointments are approved by the Mayor, City Council and County Board of Commissioners. One of the agency's many roles is to advise the City and County on the type of legislation which should be sought to improve any situation when areas of study indicate a need for change. LLWC was formed in 1976 to "work toward eliminating social, economic and legal barriers that prevent women from choosing their present and future roles in the family, the labor force, education and society in general."